

# National GridWeek 2007

## Advancing Grid Modernization: A National Agenda

*“It's clear that the power grid needs ... to be modernized. As we go into an exciting new period of American history, we want the most modern electricity grid for our people ... we need more investment; we need research and development ...”* **President George W. Bush**

**GridWeek** is a major industry event focusing on grid modernization that will be held April 23-26, 2007, at the Ronald Reagan International Trade Center in Washington, DC. The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is supporting this event to increase its visibility and to highlight DOE's leadership on this critical issue. This event underscores the importance of key provisions of the Energy Policy Act 2005, specifically focusing on the Electricity Modernization Act of 2005 and the Distributed Energy and Electric Energy Systems. “The energy bill will help ensure that consumers receive electricity over dependable modern infrastructure ... We have a modern interstate grid for our phone line and our highways. With this bill, America can start building a modern 21st century electricity grid, as well ...” declared **President Bush** during the bill signing ceremony.

The **purpose of GridWeek** is to identify, align, and facilitate partnership opportunities for resolution of key technical, economic, and societal issues as related to building a modern 21<sup>st</sup> century electricity grid. This national event will provide a forum for key industry leaders and stakeholders to engage decision-makers on the relevant issues and potential solutions in **advancing grid modernization**.

GridWeek will provide an open forum for all key stakeholders to hear about important advances being made around the country in modernizing the grid. DOE and the organizers of GridWeek plan to bring together the best minds from the following groups involved with electricity generation, transmission, and distribution to participate in GridWeek:

- Government organizations (federal, state, and local)
- Commercial private sector (utilities and energy companies, IT companies, investors, etc.)
- Nongovernmental organizations
- Thought leaders from academic, research, and analyst organizations

The event will encompass various organizational meetings on April 23 & 24, with networking activities designed to facilitate information exchanges, alignment, and coordination among stakeholder groups. The following two days, April 25 & 26, will consist of four sessions. Each conference session will focus on a major theme of grid modernization—Technical, Economic, Regulatory and Policy, and Partnership Opportunities—and will feature leading speakers in identified topic areas. In addition, a Plenary Session will lead off the conference by providing perspectives from distinguished leaders representing key stakeholder groups.

U.S. Secretary of Energy, Samuel W. Bodman is invited to be the keynote speaker the morning of Wednesday, April 25, to provide a federal government perspective. Also invited to join Secretary Bodman in the Plenary Session will be Nicolas DoNofrio, Executive Vice President, IBM; Jim Rogers, CEO, Duke Energy, and others.

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